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LOK SABHA

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DEMAND OF PEASANTS FOR PATTA IN FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the demand of peasants for Patta in Forest land under their occupation in the north eastern States especially Assam; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, is aware of the demand of ownership rights of forest dwellers over the forest land traditionally under their occupation. The Ministry has already issued guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on 18.09.1990 in this regard. The process of grant of such ownership rights under the said guidelines of 1990 was continuing till the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India imposed ban on de-reservation of forest land and regularisation of encroachment.